

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement. **Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1st floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome**, **inclusion**, **and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we are using a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

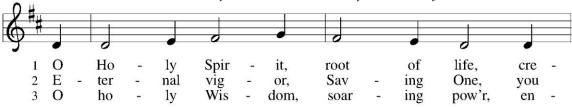
Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three. We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It will be an adventure!

PRELUDE

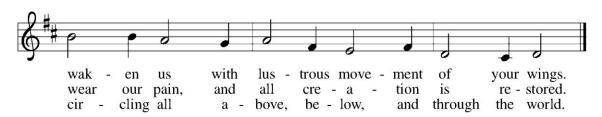
+GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



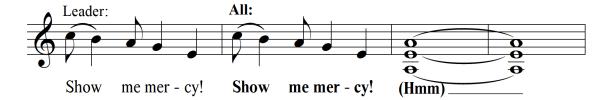




+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Canaanite Woman's Song



Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

We shout for justice! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We beg for healing! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We cry for your help! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We demand your presence! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

Let us rise together.

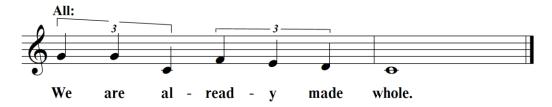
Jesus says:

Great is your faith!

Let it be to you as you desire.

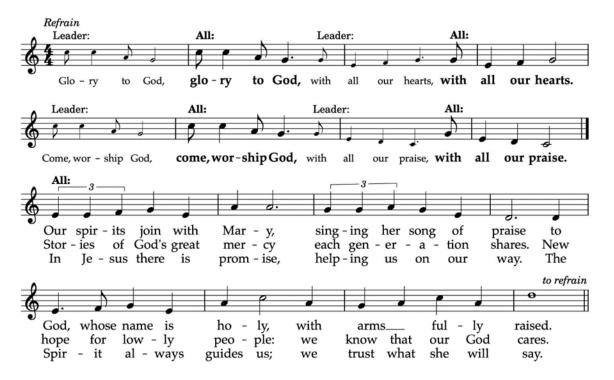
You are already made whole.

You are already made whole. (Matthew 15:21-28)



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 100

William Bradley Roberts

Refrain (First time: cantor, then **all**)



En - ter the gates of the LORD with thanks-giv-ing and the courts with



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. Refrain

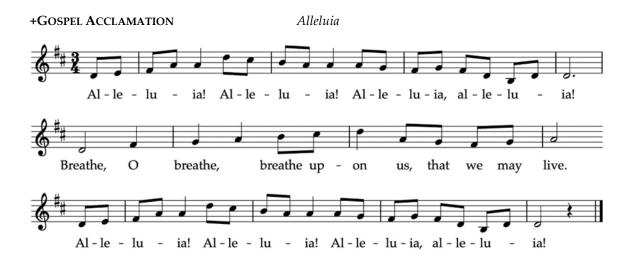
Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.



The Word made flesh dwells among us. Full of grace and truth.

+GOSPEL READING

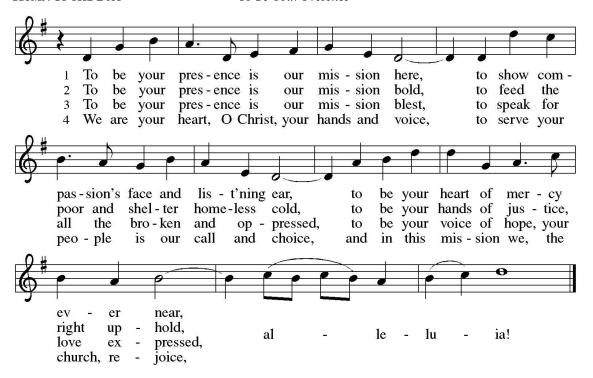
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23]

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

To Be Your Presence



+PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick, especially Ann Schrooten; Bev Peschiutta's sister, Marlyce; Cori Gershon; Mark Symchych; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God, you have created us in your image and continue to co-create alongside each and every one of us. Provide comfort to those facing poverty, houselessness, unemployment, or exploitation, reminding them that every life holds inherent worth. Hear our plea, for your unwavering love expands beyond even our own comprehension. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God, in your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

On the first day of the week the risen Jesus came among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19, 21)

Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING

Eternal Life
Caren Hiatt, soloist

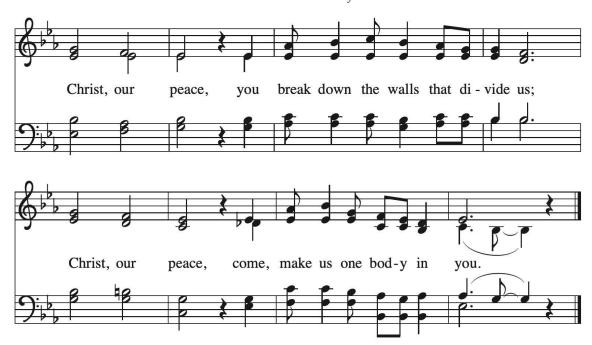
Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Savior, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ, Our Peace Sung a few times

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7) You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom. **Amen**.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

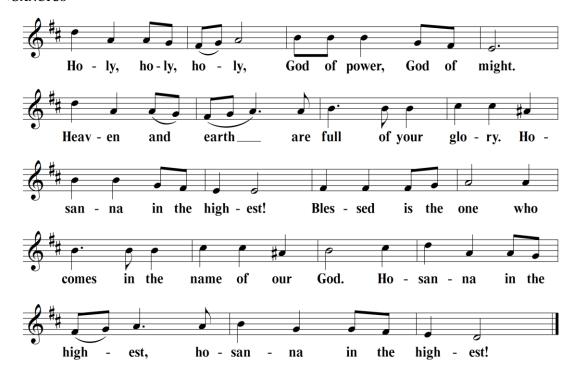
Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks because in the victory of Jesus Christ over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. With all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

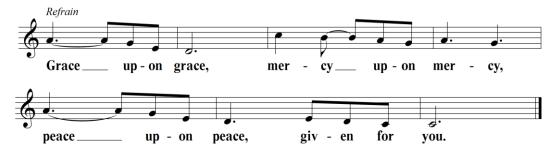
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. **Refrain**. Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. **Refrain**.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

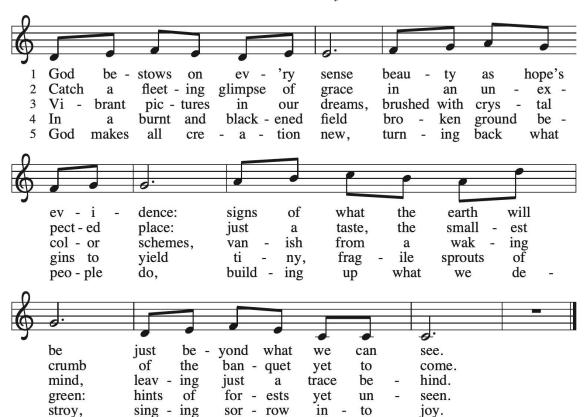
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

God Bestows on Every Sense



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In the Singing



- 1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,
- 2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble, in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,





+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

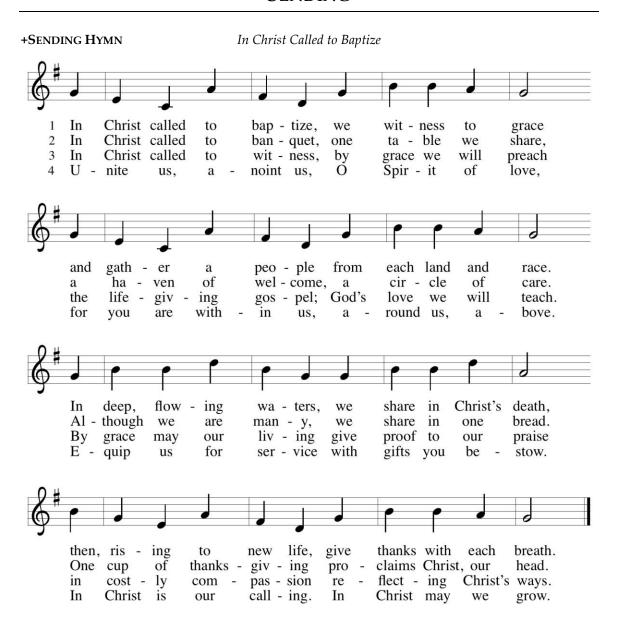
+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

+BLESSING AND SENDING FOR WAPO CAMPERS

SENDING



+BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! You are already made whole.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	10:00 AM	
Preacher	Doug Mork	
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Cantor	Caren Hiatt	
Guest Organist	Brad Altoff	
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm	
Communion	Roberta Shaw, Kathy Hollander, Matt Floding	
Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, David Broberg, Chris Engen	
Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Kathryn Howe	
Coffee Servers	Kari and Tom Kleven	
Counters	Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson	
Closer	Rod Johnson	

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PARISH INFORMATION

COTTAGE MEETINGS ONGOING

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation*. To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the summer, gathering together members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. More information has recently been sent to members. Please RSVP to the church office (612-729-8358 / office@htlcmpls.org).



From Nancy Arnison, cottage meeting host: "We spent a lovely evening on the balcony, meeting new friends and reengaging with acquaintances from 20 years ago."

JUNETEENTH JUNE 19

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining "June" and "nineteenth", it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating African American culture. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee, and others. In 2022, the Personnel Committee and Church Council named Juneteenth a church holiday. The church office is closed so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families and participate in community events. We'll be back in the office on Tuesday.

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR JUNE 25

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed!

PHIL RADTKE TO PLAY RECITAL AT GLORIA DEI, FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Phil Radtke will play a free half-hour noontime recital at Gloria Dei in St. Paul (700 Snelling Ave. S., St. Paul) on Friday, June 30. This recital is one of five in the month of June celebrating the new Letourneau pipe organ installed earlier this year. Phil will be playing a program including works by César Franck and Brahms as well as improvisation. A cookie and lemonade reception follows.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 14-17, 2023, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Please know that Cantor Phil, the pastors, and other staff members are excited for the possibilities of what Vacation Bible School (VBS) will look like in August. We are imagining four days of learning about faith-filled responses to injustices in our neighborhood and greater society. There will be music, food, games, stories, and lots more every day of VBS!

Please call the office to register. We hope you will consider joining us!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, June 19		Juneteenth/Office Closed
Tuesday, June 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Sunday, July 25	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:15 AM	Adult Forum
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Let's Talk About Baptism"

Pastor Doug Mork and Deacon David Rojas Martínez

Pastor Doug and Deacon David will present and lead a conversation on baptism. What happens in baptism? What do we teach as a congregation or denomination? How have your views evolved over the years and what have been your experiences with baptism? What has been especially meaningful about our theology and/or practice of baptism? What are the challenges today? We'll certainly touch on history and tradition, but the goal is to explore the place of baptism in our shared community life.

June 25 "History of the African Methodist Church and more"

Greg McMoore, Community Historian & Recipient of an Andrew McWatt Fellowship History of the African Methodist Church in south Minnesota interwoven with his personal family's history and the effect of the building of 35W through the south Minneapolis African American community.